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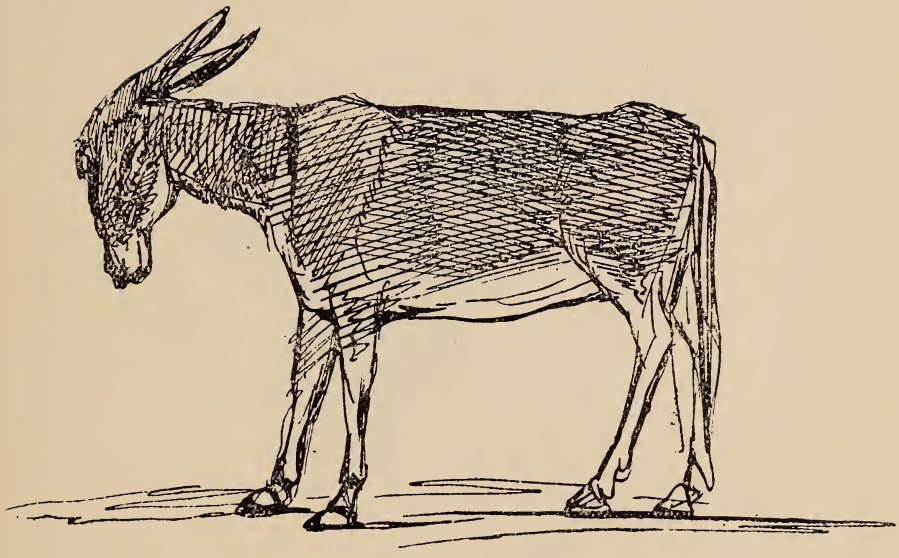


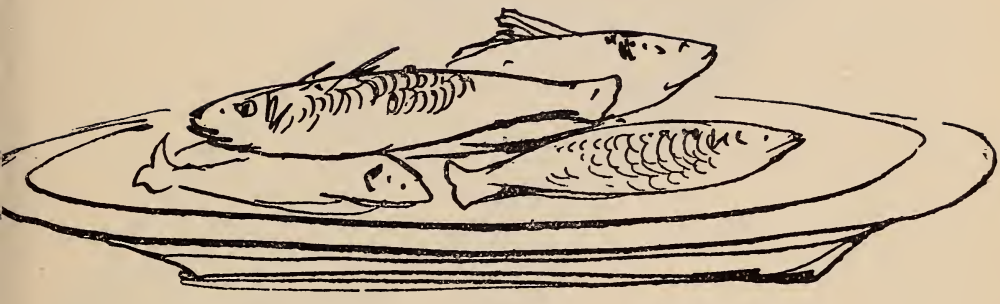
A. was an Ass,
Who fed upon Grass
And sometimes on Hay,
Which caused him to bray.
A!
What a good Ass.

B

B. was a Bee
While you often may see,
Hour after hour
On a beautiful flower.
B!
Buzz away Bee!

C. was some Coal
Dug out of a hole—
Which gave a great light
On a very dark night—
C!
Bright little Coal!

D



D. Was a Dish
Which was quite full of Fish
Which were all of them boiled
And some of them spoiled
D
Such a nice Dish

E

E. was an Eagle
Exceedingly regal
Who sate on a rock,
And stole lambs from the flock.
E.
Dreadful old Eagle!—

F

F. was a Frog.
Who frequented a log,
And made a strange croaking
As if he were choaking.
F.!
Horrid old Frog.

G

G was a Gull—
Who flew over from Hull—
But crossing to Jersey
Was drowned in the Mersey.
G!
Poor little Gull!

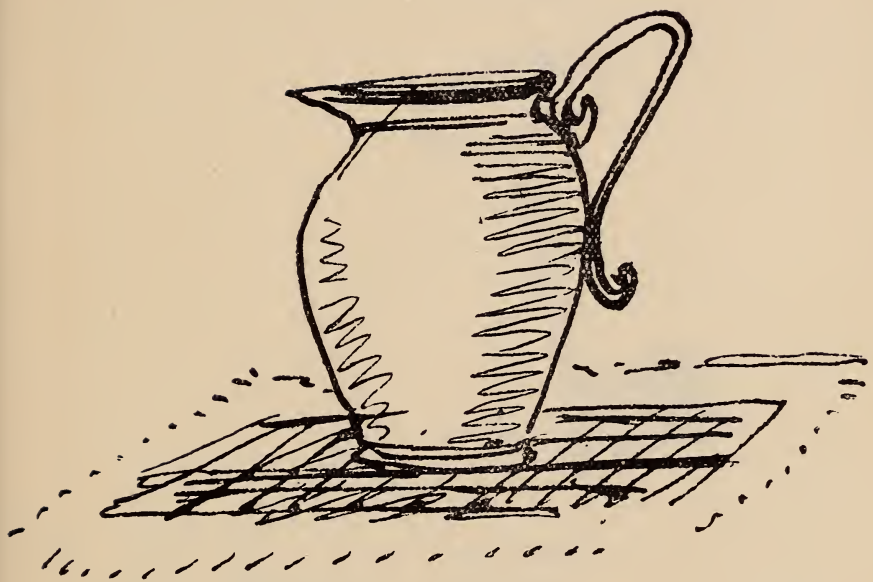
H

It was a Hat,
whose crown was too flat
and whose brim was too wide
and all of one side.
It!
What a bad Hat!

I

I. was an Ice
So cool and so nice
Which was eat with a spoon
One warm afternoon,
I.
What a good Ice.

J

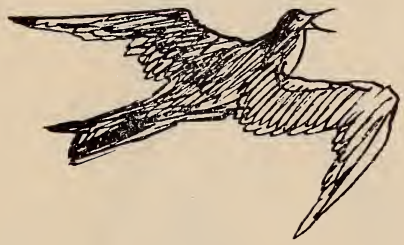


J was a Jug
Which stood on a Rug.
And held Barley water
For my son & my daughter
J!
Jolly old jug! -

K

It was a Key
— One out of three,
Which unfastened the locks
of an ivory Box.
K!
What a good Key!

L

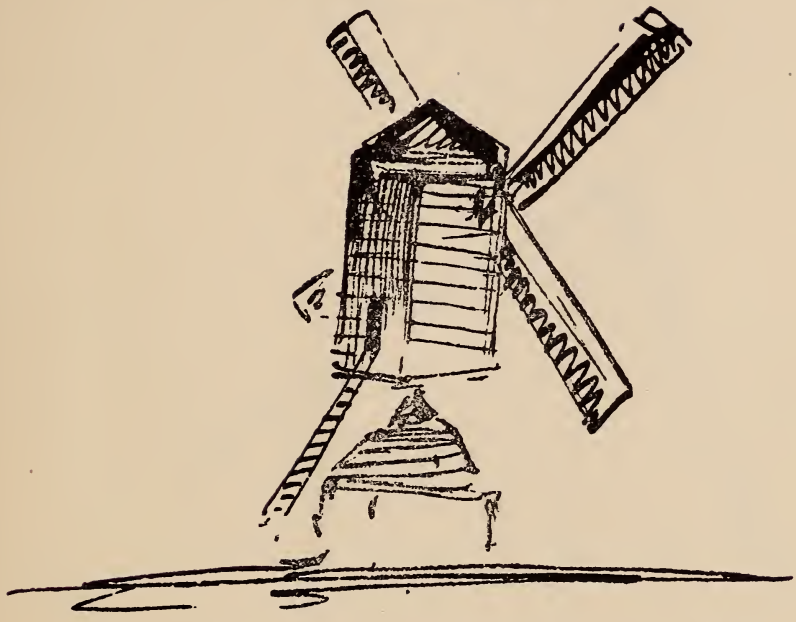


L. was a Lark
Who arose in the dark
and warbled on high
In the midst of the sky.

L.!

Larky old Lark!

M



In. was a Mill
Which seldom stood still,
But went faster & faster
Till stopped by its master.

Oh!
Merry old mill!

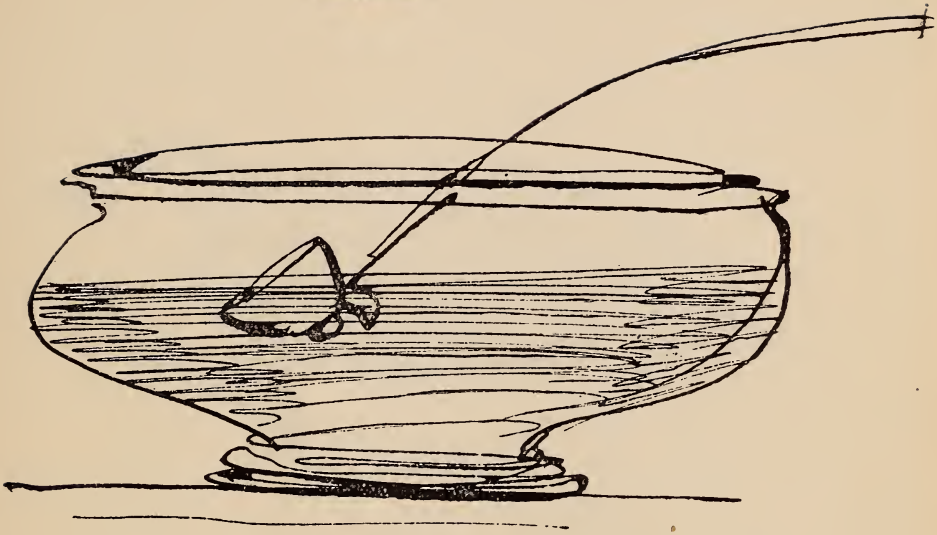
N

N. was a needle
Employed by a beadle
To sew on a ruffle,
Torn off in a scuffle.
N!
Needful old needle!

O

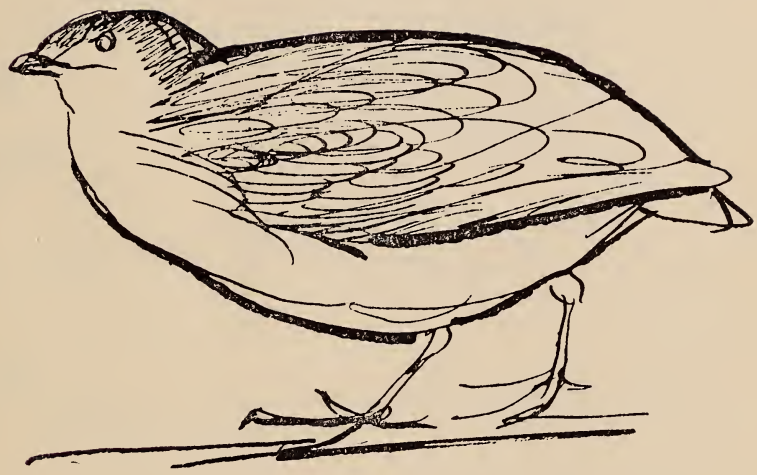
O. was an Owl,
Who continued to hoot
a monotonous song
All the night long.
O!
What an old Owl!—

P



P. was some punch
Made ready for lunch
But which nobody tasted
And so it was wasted
P.!
All that good Punch!

Q



Q. was a Quail
With a very short tail
Who fed upon corn
Ever since he was born.
Q.!—
Queer little Quail!

R

R. was a Rabbit,
Who had a bad habit,
Of eating the flowers
In gardens and Bowers,
R!
Naughty old Rabbit!

S
S. was a spider
Who made her web wider.
Whenever her eye
Caught sight of a fly —
S! S!
Cunning old Spider!

T

I was a Thrush,
Who sate still in a Bush,
And whistled a long
Which was rather too long.
T!
Pretty old Thrush!

U

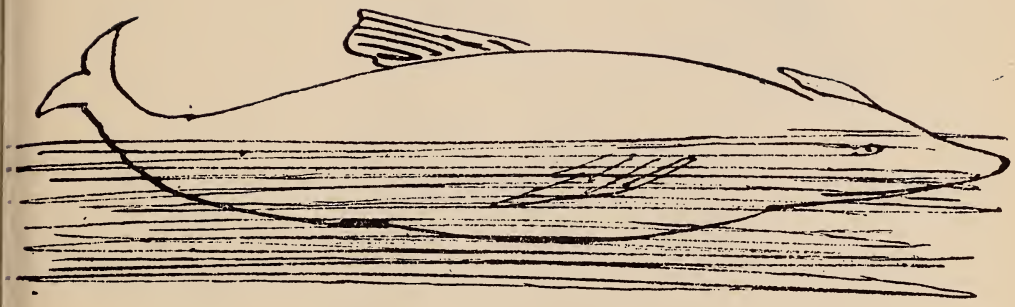
U. was an Ukase
Kept safe in a Book-case
By the great Russian Czar
at Moscow so far.

U!
Dreadful Ukase!—

V

V. was a Trial
Taken on Trial
from which you could pour
One pint, and no more.
V!
Useful old trial!.

W



W. was a Whale.
With fins and a tail
And whose size was terrific
~~Throughout the~~ Pacific.
W!
What a large Whale.

X

X. was old Xerxes
Who fought of all Turks as
Know as the Sackin
For fury & passion.
X.!
Naughty old Xerxes!

Y

Y was a Yew,
Whose branches were few,
Which stood on one side
Of a churchyard so wide.

Y.

What a fine Yew!

Z

Z. was some Zinc
which caused you to wink
When it caught the sun's light
So dazzling & bright—

Z.

Bright plate of Zinc!

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